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## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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#### **Editor's Note**

*In the regular Newsletter, published on July 13th, two pages of Gratia Mahony's article were inadvertently omitted, due to my haste to get it out. In thinking of a remedy, it seems best simply to publish Gratia's entire article afresh, complete this time, in a supplement to the July 15th issue. So, if you keep printed copies, just keep this supplement together with that issue. If you save them only online, just create a folder and save the two files together. Also it has been easier to republish Gratia's article in single-column format. Among other things, this will help you to distinguish between the original Newsletter and the Supplement.*

#### **Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham**

##### **Second Son of Deacon John and Abigail (Ballou) Dunham**

by Gratia Dunham Mahony

This is the fourth article of four that I began in the first newsletter, tracing and enumerating the children of Deacon John Dunham. My goal is to track the succession of all of Deacon John Dunham's children and their descendants through the first five or six generations, and to follow their geographic dispersion in America.

The people covered in this article begin with Deacon John and Abigail (Ballou) Dunham's son Jonathan who was born in Leyden Holland, raised in Plymouth Colony, and died in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Some of his children remained on the Vineyard, while others moved to towns in Connecticut, Franklin County Massachusetts, and Dutchess County New York.

A further article, scheduled to appear in the next issue, will follow the fifth generation sons of Daniel-4 (Daniel-3, Jonathan-2, John-1) Dunham whose children moved to Marietta, Washing-

ton County, Ohio.

Jonathan <sup>2</sup> Dunham was born in Leyden about 1625, the second child of John and his second wife Abigail Ballou. He may not have remembered a great deal about life in Holland, but at age 4 or 5 he was surely aware of the sea voyage to the new world. Accompanying him on that voyage were his parents, his older half brothers John and Thomas, his 6 year old brother Samuel and his baby sister Abigail.

Jonathan grew up in New Plymouth and married there 29 November 1655 Mary Delano. There was grief in Jonathan's life when his young wife died not long after their marriage. As was the custom of the time, Jonathan soon married a second time. On 15 October 1657 he married Mary Cobb, the daughter of Henry and Patience (Hurst) Cobb of Scituate. Mary was born at Scituate 24 March 1636/7.

The first child of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> and Mary (Cobb) Dunham was a son, Jonathan <sup>3</sup> born in Plymouth about 1658-9. He was followed several years later by another son, Eleazer <sup>3</sup> and in 1664-5 by another son, Gershom <sup>3</sup>.

The period in the early 1660s showed evidence that the second generation sons of Plymouth families were beginning to look to new areas where they could settle and raise their families. In the Plymouth Town Meeting Records dated 27 Oct. 1662, Jonathan Dunham is mentioned as being granted land at Sampson's Country (Lakeville); and again on 22 March 1663 as being granted lot #17 Puncatasset Neck (Little Compton) jointly with John Dunham, Sr. In the Plymouth Colony Land Records dated 7 June 1665 he was granted 30 acres in Majors Purchase (Middleborough).

The grant of land at Majors Purchase is interesting because Jonathan actually built a house and settled there. His fourth and fifth children were born in Middleborough, Hannah in 1666-7, and Samuel in 1668. Jonathan appears on several records in "Middleberry" (Middleborough); as constable in 1673, selectman in 1675, and deputy to the General Court representing Middleborough in 1679.

It is hard to say how much warning Jonathan and his family had before the Indian unrest which would explode into the uprising we call King Philip's War in 1676. We do know that Jonathan and his family had enough time to flee back to Plymouth before their home was torched by the Indians. The family probably remained in Plymouth for a while, probably living with relatives. Their sixth child, Daniel, was born in Plymouth about 1677.

Jonathan and his family never returned to Middleborough to live. Instead Jonathan went to Sucknesset (Falmouth) where he was a lay preacher for the next seven years. He served as a lay preacher in Falmouth even though he was not officially ordained. That town reserved a "20 acre lot left void for the minister" and on 23 July 1677 the town record states "Jonathan Dunham should have 10 acres and all the skirts of marsh or meadow about Bass Pond, and all marsh on North West side of Quanamut". He was also given the use of 40 acres of upland in the 20 acre lots and half a share of marsh-meadow at Great Seperwisset, a dwelling house and about 2 acres of upland adjoining it. Jonathan and his family remained in Falmouth until late

1684 when they moved to the island of Martha's Vineyard.

Jonathan Dunham had served the community at Falmouth as a lay preacher when the settlers of Martha's Vineyard asked Matthew Mayhew, as agent for the town, to prevail upon Mr. Dunham to come there as pastor. After some delay, Jonathan Dunham accepted the offer of 35 pounds a year and moved to Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard. He served there as teacher and lay preacher for ten years until on 11 October 1694 he was ordained. He continued as pastor in Edgartown for another twenty-three years until his death 18 December 1717.

Children of Jonathan <sup>2</sup> and Mary (Cobb) Dunham:

2. i. Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1658-9
- ii. Eleazer <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1662-3, d. near 10 Oct. 1710, unmarried
3. iii. Gershom <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1664-5
4. iv. Hannah <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1666-7
- v. Samuel <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1668, d. later part of 1701, unmarried
5. vi. Daniel <sup>3</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1677-8

### THIRD GENERATION

**2. Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born in Plymouth ca. 1658-9, and died at Edgartown before 5 October 1711. There is no Dukes County probate record for this Jonathan. Jonathan married first, probably while the family resided in Falmouth, a wife whose identity has not been established. Jonathan moved to Edgartown about 1684 with his father and family. His first wife died after March 6, 1686/7 when her son Gideon was born. Jonathan married second in Edgartown shortly after 8 June 1690 **Esther (Norton) Huxford**, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (--) Norton, and widow of Samuel Huxford. She was born ca. 1662, and died shortly before 8 April 1724 when inventory of her estate was taken by her son Samuel Huxford.

In an article by Mrs. John E. Barclay, F.A.S.G. *Five Jonathan Dunhams Untangled*, published in *The American Genealogist* Vol. 44 pages 218-223 with reference to Jonathan <sup>3</sup> she states "...he had two sons named Jonathan. It was not uncommon where there were two wives for each to name a son after his father, even if the first was still living." Mrs. Barclay further states "It is not clear how many children Jonathan had by his second wife, none being recorded, but certainly Jonathan, Hezekiah, Solomon and Cornelius."

Children of Jonathan <sup>3</sup> Dunham and unknown first wife:

- i. Rebecca <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1682, d. after 1702
6. ii. Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1684
7. iii. Gideon <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 6 March 1686/7

Children of Jonathan <sup>3</sup> and Esther (Norton) (Huxford) Dunham:

8. iv. Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham second of the name, b. 1691-2, Edgartown
9. v. Hezekiah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. abt. 1693, Edgartown
10. vi. Solomon <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1695-6
11. vii. Cornelius <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. ca. 1702-3

3. **Gershom<sup>3</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) was born probably in Plymouth ca. 1664-5, and died in Edgartown between 3 March 1738/9 and 2 November 1739 the dates on which his will was written and probated. Gershom married ca. 1692 in Nantucket **Mary Clark**.

In his will dated 3 March 1737/8 Gershom Dunham of Edgartown names "Mary Dunham, my wife...sons Gershom, Jethro, Seth, Paul, daughters Mary, Deborah, Zerviah, and son David (I have already given him his share)..."

Children of Gershom and Mary (Clark) Dunham:

14. i. Mary<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1693
15. ii. Deborah<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1695
16. iii. Gershom<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1697
17. iv. David<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1699
18. v. Jethro<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1702
19. vi. Zerviah<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1705  
m. 16 July 1741 William Rogers
20. vii. Seth<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1714
21. viii. Paul<sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1716

4. **Hannah<sup>3</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1666-7 in Middleboro, and died November 1722 in Edgartown. Hannah married first ca. 1685 **James Pease**, who died in 1717. She married second 2 July 1717 **Elisha Parker** of Barnstable, by whom she had no issue. Hannah names children Nathan, Hannah and Mehitable in her will. She may have had a fourth child, Simon<sup>4</sup> b. say 1695, who died 31 March 1769. The Simon Pease who married Martha Willett was possibly a son of James and Hannah (Dunham) Pease. Simon and Martha (Willett) Pease moved to Rhode Island in 1718.

Children of James and Hannah (Dunham) Pease:

22. i. Nathan<sup>4</sup> Pease b. say 1686 , m. 15 June 1711 Sarah Vincent and remained in Martha's Vineyard
23. ii. Hannah<sup>4</sup> Pease b. say 1688
24. iii. Mehitable<sup>4</sup> Pease b. 1690, married in Martha's Vineyard 20 January 1716/17 Reuben Vincent
- 24.1 iv. Poss. Simon<sup>4</sup> Pease b. say 1695

5. **Daniel<sup>3</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) was born say 1677-8, and died at Edgartown between 1 August 1741 and 5 March 1741/2 the dates on which his will was written and probated. Daniel married ca. 1701-2 **Rebecca** (--). Her surname is sometimes given as Norton, but proof has not been found. Col. Banks says there was no Norton woman of that name at that time. However a land deed dated 14 January 1724 showing the purchase of 60 acres of land by Nicholas Norton and Daniel Dunham may be for a joint purchase by Nicholas Norton and his son-in-law.

Rebecca is probably the woman who died at Easthampton, Connecticut 3 Feb. 1783, age 99 years. If so; she was either moving with her family who went to Conway, Massachusetts, or she was living with her son, Silas<sup>4</sup> Dunham, who may have been living there.

In his will, dated 1 Aug. 1741 Daniel names wife Rebecca, sons Jacob, Daniel “my right in the fishing creek in Edgartown, to be equally divided amongst my three sons Zephaniah, Daniel and Jacob”, and he also names sons Silas, Eleazer, and Samuel, and daughters, Matilda Vinson, Rebecca Pease, Dinah Dunham, Sarah Pease, Persis Dunham, and Mary Curtis.

Children of Daniel <sup>3</sup> and Rebecca (prob. Norton) Dunham:

25. i. Matilda <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1703, m. Joseph Vincent
26. ii. Zephaniah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1705, m. 6 Sept. 1733 Sarah Smith, no issue
27. iii. Rebecca <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1707, m. 5 December 1725 Benjamin Pease
28. iv. Sarah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1709, m. 5 July 1739 David Pease
29. v. Daniel <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. 20 November 1711
30. vi. Persis <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1713, m. 10 Nov. 1739 William <sup>5</sup> Dunham (see #41)
31. vii. Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1715, m<sup>1</sup> Caleb Parmalee, m<sup>2</sup> Jacob Curtis of Colchester
32. viii. Eleazer <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1717
33. ix. Samuel <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1719
34. x. Dinah <sup>4</sup> Dunham b. say 1721 (no further information, but living in August 1741)
35. xi. Silas <sup>4</sup> Dunham bp. 27 October 1723
36. xii. Jacob <sup>4</sup> Dunham bp. 9 April 1727

#### FOURTH GENERATION

**6. Jonathan <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>3,2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) [first son of Jonathan <sup>3</sup> named Jonathan] born probably at Falmouth, Plymouth County Massachusetts before his father went to Martha’s Vineyard say 1684, died in Sharon, Litchfield Co. Connecticut, 28 February 1744/5 in 59<sup>th</sup> year. He is buried in the Sharon Burying Ground and his stone is the oldest in the churchyard. Jonathan married ca. 1707 **Mary Spencer**, daughter of William and Sarah (Ackley) Spencer of East Haddam, CT. She was born in East Haddam CT 1 September 1687, died in Dutchess Co. NY after 17 April 1750. On 17 April 1750 she was called “of Nine Partners”, when Mary Dunham and her son Daniel, acting as administrators of her husband’s estate, sold some land.

It is unclear just when Jonathan Dunham left Martha’s Vineyard but the first record of Jonathan in Connecticut is when he bought land in Colchester [Colchester Deed 1:387, dated 12 December 1707] and was called “now resident in East Haddam”. Jonathan Dunham was in the records of the town meetings held in Colchester in 1725 and 1726.

The *History of Litchfield County* regarding the Town of Sharon, p. 577 says, “Capt. Jonathan Dunham was from Colchester, and was a leading man in the first settlement of the town. He lived opposite Richard Smith’s and there kept the first tavern in the town. He was the agent to the Assembly to procure the incorporation of the township, and was appointed to call the first town meeting.”

Children of Jonathan <sup>4</sup> and Mary (Spencer) Dunham:

37. i. Mary <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1708 (m. 6 Aug. 1729 to Samuel Brown, remained in Colches

ter CT)

- 38. ii. Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1709-10 (he d. 29 Oct. 1740 in Sharon CT)
- 39. iii. Samuel<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1711 (went to Amenia, Dutchess Co. NY) \*
- 40. iv. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1713 (went to Amenia, Dutchess Co. NY) \*
- 41. v. William<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1715 (remained in Colchester CT), m. his first cousin, once removed, Persis<sup>4</sup> Dunham (my #30 above)
- 42. vi. Hannah<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1718 (m. John Pettit in Sharon CT)
- 43. vii. Martha<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1725 (m. John Gillett in Sharon CT)
- 44. viii. Abigail<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. April 1727 (m. Samuel Hitchcock in Sharon CT)

\* The lines of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Daniel<sup>5</sup> will be discussed in greater detail in the next issue.

**7. Gideon<sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan<sup>3,2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) was born in Edgartown 6 March 1686/7, and died in Southington, Hartford Co. Ct. 27 April 1762. Gideon married first ca. 1718 **Desire Case**, daughter of John and Desire (Manter) Case. She was born in 1690 and she died in 1728. Gideon married second in 1728 **Mary Lewes/Lewis**. She was born 16 August 1700, and died in Southington, Hartford Co. CT 26 August 1762.

Children of Gideon and Desire (Case) Dunham:

- 45. i. James<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1720
- 46. ii. Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1723

Children of Gideon and Mary (Lewis) Dunham:

- 47. iii. Desire<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1738 (no further information about her).
- 48. iv. Mary<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1732
- 49. v. Sarah<sup>5</sup> Dunham bp. 14 April 1734
- 50. vi. Gideon<sup>5</sup> Dunham bp. 28 December 1735
- 51. vii. Barnabas<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1736
- viii. Desire<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1738
- 52. ix. Cornelius<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1740
- 53. x. Sylvanus<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1742
- 54. xi. Salathiel<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1744

**8. Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan<sup>3,2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) [second son of Jonathan<sup>3</sup> named Jonathan] born in Edgartown 1691-2, died in Edgartown near 13 February 1745/6. Jonathan married in Edgartown 11 February 1718/19 **Judith Luce**, daughter of Robert and Desire (--) Luce. She was born 22 July 1689, died before 1745/6.

Children of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> and Judith (Luce) Dunham:

- 55. i. Ruth<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1720, m. Gideon Cartwright
- 56. ii. Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Dunham Jr., b. between 1721-1724, as he must have been 21 to administer his father's estate in 1747
- 57. iii. Esther<sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1726

**9. Hezekiah<sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan<sup>3,2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) was born in Edgartown say 1693, and died in Tisbury, Dukes County Massachusetts between 13 June 1738 and 11 July 1738 the dates on

which his will was written and probated. Hezekiah married in Martha's Vineyard probably in 1718 **Jane Pease**, daughter of Matthew and Mary (Green) Pease. She was born 28 November (1699), died before 1738. Hezekiah was called "Pilot". He resided in Edgartown & Chilmark and Tisbury.

The will of Hezekiah does not mention his wife who must have died before 1738. His will names "my only daughter Jemima" but does not mention his son or sons. Litchfield Co. CT probate file 1:36, dated 3 May 1750 contains a guardianship for son Cornelius, as "Jacob Dunham of Salisbury is named guardian of Cornelius, minor son of Hezekiah late of Martha's Vineyard deceased". The wording of the will provides a hint that there were two or more sons as it states "to each of my children, my only daughter Jemima excepted..."

Children of Hezekiah and Jane (Pease) Dunham: Births not recorded, order given is probable: From my research I believe that there were six children of Hezekiah and Jane (Pease) Dunham: Please note that this is based on circumstantial evidence (except Jemima) and that should be so stated in any discussion of this line. There may be further discussion of this group in a later issue of this newsletter.

- i. Jacob <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1719-20
- ii. Samuel <sup>5</sup> Dunham b say 1722/23, bp. 3 Feb. 1723, m. 20 March 1745 in Sharon, CT Eliza beth Dunham, however; she may not have been a Dunham by birth. She may have been a widow of a Dunham.
- iii. Jemima <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1724 (named in father's will)
- iv. Jonathan <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1726
- v. Matthew <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1729-31
- vi. Cornelius <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1734

**10. Solomon <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>3,2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born in Edgartown say 1695-6, and died in Wethersfield, Hartford Co. CT about 25 April 1760. Solomon married first ca. 1724 **Mary Warner**, daughter of William and Mary (Crane) Warner. She was born 2 December 1698, died after 16 October 1726 when she is mentioned in the will of her father. Solomon married second after 2 February 1738/9 **Elizabeth** (--)

Children of Solomon <sup>4</sup> and Mary (Warner) Dunham:

65. i. Elishama <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. before 16 October 1726, mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Capt. William Warner, written on that date; d. bef. 1760
66. ii. Solomon <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 20 Sept. 1732, m. 2 March 1758 Elizabeth Ives
67. iii. Mary <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1733, m. 1760 Ephraim Fuller
68. iv. Sarah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b.
69. v. Abigail <sup>5</sup> Dunham b., m. 11 Oct. 1753 Jacob Brandeges
70. vi. Esther <sup>5</sup> Dunham b, m. 12 Feb. 1755 David Dewey
71. vii. Hannah <sup>5</sup> Dunham .b., m. 3 June 1757 David Mather

**11. Cornelius <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Jonathan <sup>3,2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born in Edgartown ca. 1702-3, and died in Edgartown before 30 October 1737 when his wife is called "widow". Cornelius married in Edgartown ca. 1723 **Jemima Norton**, daughter of John and Mary (Torrey) Norton of Weymouth

Ma. She was born in 1702, died in Tisbury 3 April 1794, in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year.

Banks says he resided in Edgartown, was a sloopmaster, and called "Esquire".

Children of Cornelius <sup>4</sup> and Jemima (Norton) Dunham:

72. i. Shubel <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 14 Nov. 1723

73. ii. Jemima <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 5 July 1726

**14. Mary <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Gershom <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1693, and died 5 April 1779. Mary married in Edgartown 22 July 1713 **James Covell**, son of James and Abigail (--) Covell. He was born in Edgartown say 1687, and died in Martha's Vineyard about 1762.

Children of James and Mary (Dunham) Covell (all born Edgartown, Dukes Co. MA):

74. i. James <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 16 August 1714

75. ii. Mary <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 30 November 1715

76. iii. Elizabeth <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 1 January 1718

77. iv. Hannah <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 10 April 1720

78. v. Micajah <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 18 June 1722

79. vi. Jethro <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 13 September 1724

80. vii. Phillip <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 24 December 1726

81. viii. Eliphalet <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 5 April 1728

82. ix. Timothy <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 16 July 1730

82.1 x. Matthew <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 1732

83. xi. Joseph <sup>5</sup> Covell b. 30 December 1735

**15. Deborah <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Gershom <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1695, and died in December 1790. She married **Thomas Pease**, son of Thomas and Bathsheba (Merry) Pease. He was born 25 August 1694, and died in January 1765. He was a weaver, resided in Edgartown.

Children of Thomas and Deborah (Dunham) Pease:

83.1 i. Bathsheba <sup>5</sup> Pease b. say 1725

83.2 ii. Deborah <sup>5</sup> Pease b. say 1727, m. <sup>1</sup> James Instance, m. <sup>2</sup> Samuel Smith

83.3 iii. Thomas <sup>5</sup> Pease b. say 1729

83.4 iv. Reliance <sup>5</sup> Pease b. say 1731, m. Timothy Smith

**16. Gershom <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Gershom <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1697, and died between 31 December 1746 and 11 June 1747 the dates on which his will was written and probated. Gershom moved to Lebanon CT and we do not know whether he married in Edgartown or in Lebanon CT. His wife's name was **Martha (--)**.

The will of Gershom Dunham of Lebanon mentions wife Martha, and gives "to son George all his land at Edgartown,...and half his land at Lebanon and Stafford CT." The will also mentions daughter Jemima Hutchinson.

Children of Gershom <sup>4</sup> and Martha (--) Dunham:



- 84. i. Jemima <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1720
- 85. ii. George <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1723

**17. David <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Gershom <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1699, and died in Edgartown 27 February 1746/7. David was a farmer. He married first in Chilmark 11 April 1723 **Sarah Clifford**, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Mayhew) Clifford. Jacob Clifford was born 7 April 1679 in Hampton Rockingham Co. NH, and he died 9 May 1715 in Chilmark, Dukes Co. MA. Elizabeth Mayhew was of Chilmark, Dukes Co. MA. Sarah Clifford was born in Hampton Rockingham Co. NH 4 March 1704/5, and died in 1737. David married second 30 October 1738 **Mary (Ripley) (Mackelroy)**, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Jenkins) Ripley, and widow of William Mackelroy.

Children of David <sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Clifford) Dunham:

- 86. i. Mary <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1723
- 87. ii. David <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1724
- 88. iii. John <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1729
- 89. iv. Abishai <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1731
- 90. v. Sarah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. November 1733
- 91. iv. Gershom <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1736

**18. Jethro <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Gershom <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1702, and died in Edgartown in 1789. Jethro married before 1731 **Mehitabel Vincent**, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Post) Vincent. Sarah Post was of Norwich CT. She was born 1701, died in Edgartown 4 October 1789.

Jethro Dunham served in the French and Indian War as evidenced by the following list of persons released from captivity published in an article in *NEHGR* 70:260-262, *The Redeemed Captives of 1747*, “arrived from Quebec...171 persons who had been taken by the French and Indian Enemy, at divers times, and carried there as prisoners. Taken June 24<sup>th</sup> 1746, Jethro Dunham of Martha’s Vineyard.”

Children of Jethro <sup>4</sup> and Mehitabel (Vincent) Dunham born in Edgartown:

- 92. i. Anna <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1731
- 93. ii. Hezekiah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1734
- 94. iii. Mehitabel <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1737
- 95. iv. Mary <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1741
- 96. v. Deborah <sup>5</sup> Dunham baptized 11 March 1744

**20. Seth <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Gershom <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1714, and died in Edgartown 23 August 1799. He was a cooper, and resided in Edgartown. Seth married **Naomi Marchant**, daughter of John and Hepsibah (Huxford) Marchant. Naomi was born in 1715, died in December 1785 “with a pain in her breast, age 70.”

Plymouth Co. LR 29:115 is interesting because it mentions land transferred through four generations of this Dunham family. It contains reference to a power of attorney granted by Gershom <sup>3</sup> to his son Seth <sup>4</sup> for the sale of a small parcel of land in Plimpton.

*To all people to whom these presents shall come--greeting. Know ye that I Seth Donham of Edgartown in ye County of Dukes [seafaring man], being thereunto lawfully impowered by my father Gershom Donham of Edgartown aforesaid husbandman, to make sale of any of ye real estate of ye said Gershom lying in the County of Plymouth as a power of Attorney dated ye 25 day of Dec. 1734...For and in consideration of the sum of four pounds five shillings money to me in hand before the ensealing hereof well and truly paid by Timothy Morton of Plymouth in the County of Plymouth, Cooper, ...about two acres of fresh meadow or meadowland ground lying in the Township of Plimpton at a place commonly called Swan Hold and is the same that John Donham Senior gave to his son Jonathan Donham by his last will and testament duly proved and dated ye fourth of June 1668...*

*dated 23 January 1734  
Seth Donham*

*Witness: Thomas Wetherell*

Children of Seth <sup>4</sup> and Naomi (Marchant) Dunham (all born in Edgartown):

97. i. Elijah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. January 1734
98. ii. Seth <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 17 June 1742
99. iii. Naomi <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 26 August 1743
100. iv. Ethannah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 9 July 1745
101. v. Elisha <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 3 May 1747
102. vi. Ruth <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 6 June 1751
103. vii. Phebe <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 26 September 1753
104. viii. Jerusha <sup>5</sup> Dunham bp. 1754
105. ix. Persis <sup>5</sup> Dunham bp. 1756

**21. Paul <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Gershom <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1716. Paul married before 1744 **Sarah Hillman**, daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Dexter) Hillman. She was born in 1722, died May 1790. Paul was church warden in 1739, called a yeoman, and resided in Edgartown.

Children of Paul <sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Hillman) Dunham:

106. i. Martha <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1747
107. ii. Paul <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1750
108. iii. Uriah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1753, d. 11 Mar. 1835, Edgartown, age 82. Probably m. Hannah Paddock of Dartmouth on 9 October 1776;
109. iv. Peter b. say 1757.

**29. Daniel <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Daniel <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born 20 November 1711, and died in Conway, Hampshire Co. MA 27 June 1797, at age 86. Daniel married in Edgartown 20 November 1739 **Sarah Huxford**, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Harlock) Huxford. She was born 17 November 1719, and died in Conway MA 18 December 1788, at age 69. Both are buried in South Part Cemetery, Conway MA. Daniel and Mary resided in Edgartown until about 1774 when they moved to Conway MA.

Dukes Co. LR 7:179, dated 26 November 1744 is an interesting deed in which Daniel and Sarah sell a part of their dwelling house, and Daniel's mother Rebecca conveys her right to the same.

*I, Daniel Dunham of Edgartown, in consideration of 58 pounds 3 shillings 9 pence paid by Matthew Norton of Edgartown. . . all my right, title and interest to and in the north easterly part being the New end of a dwelling house in Edgartown wherein I now dwell, also one small barn standing near said dwelling house and also a certain tract or parcel of land whereon said new end of dwelling house and barn stand containing 21 acres . . . bounded as follows, beginning near the corner of a swamp and running southwesterly by land of Zephaniah Dunham to a heap of stones, thence running east southerly through the said dwelling house between the new and old end to heap of stones by a highway. . . by land of Mary Pease. . . which land formerly belonged to my honored grandfather the Reverend Mr. Jonathan Dunham...*

*Signed: Daniel Dunham*

*Sarah (X) Dunham*

*On day and year above said Rebecca Dunham, widow do sell and convey all my right in above to Matthew Norton.*

*Signed: Rebecca (X) Dunham*

Children of Daniel <sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Huxford) Dunham, all born in Edgartown:

- 132. i. Thankful <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 10 September 1741
- 132.1 ii. Eleazer <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 18 December 1743
- 133. iii. Daniel <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 6 March 1746 \* (moved to Conway, Franklin Co. MA)
- 134. iv. Cornelius <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 10 May 1748 \* (moved to Conway, Franklin Co. MA)
- 135. v. Jonathan <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 23 March 1751 \* (moved to Conway, Franklin Co. MA)
- 136. iv. Sarah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 26 February 1753-4
- 137. v. Marah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 31 March 1756
- 138.vi. Rebecca <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. say 1758

\* These three, Daniel <sup>5</sup>, Cornelius <sup>5</sup> and Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, will be discussed more fully in a future issue.

**30. Persis <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Daniel <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born probably in Edgartown say 1713. She married in Colchester Connecticut 10 November 1739 her first cousin once removed **William <sup>5</sup> Dunham**. He is called Lt. William Dunham on his gravestone and is buried in the Westchester Center Cemetery, Colchester, New London Co. CT.

Children of William<sup>5</sup> and Persis<sup>4</sup> (Dunham) Dunham (These children would be numbered sequentially and continued under the line of William Dunham, who is number 41.):

- i. William <sup>6</sup> b. 6 September 1740
- ii. Eleazer <sup>6</sup> b. 15 Dec. 1742
- iii. Esther <sup>6</sup> b. 8 May 1743, d. soon
- iv. Jonathan <sup>6</sup> b. 20 Jan. 1745
- v. Persis <sup>6</sup> b. 20 May 1747, d. 10 November 1772 in 25<sup>th</sup> year. Buried in Westchester Center Cemetery, Colchester, New London Co. CT
- vi. Esther <sup>6</sup> b. 2 May 1748 or 1749
- vii. Samuel <sup>6</sup> b. 10 Oct. 1751
- viii. Mary <sup>6</sup> b. 17 Mar. 1754; d. 13 May 1755

**32. Eleazer <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Daniel <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1717, and died before July 1753. Eleazer married 1 December 1740 **Hannah Clements** of Boston, daughter of Jeremiah

and Anna (Jones) Clements. He was a mariner and resided in Edgartown.

Child of Eleazer <sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Clements) Dunham:

139. i. Rebecca <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1741

**33. Samuel <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Daniel <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born say 1719, and died in Lebanon CT 9 December 1779 in 62<sup>nd</sup> year. Samuel married in Lebanon CT. 13 November 1740 **Esther Lyman**.

Esther was probably the daughter of Josiah Lyman as there is a stone in the Old Cemetery in Columbia CT, "Lyman, Josiah d. 6 February 1760 age 70". She remarried and there is a will dated 10 November 1799 "*I Esther Buckingham of Lebanon, County of Windham, CT, being advanced in years. . .she gives and bequeaths to my son Daniel Dunham the one half of all my real and personal estate to him and his heirs forever. . .the other half of my real and personal estate I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Anna Woodward deceased to be equally divided between them. . .and I do hereby appoint James Pinneo Esq. to be my soul and only executor. . .She signed her name. . .*

Witnesses were:

*Elisha Bissal*

*Benoni Loomis*

*John Williams*"

Will proved 27 Nov. 1799. .and there is an inventory of 185 pounds. 5. 7

Children of Samuel <sup>4</sup> and Esther (Lyman) Dunham: born in Lebanon CT.

140. i. Daniel <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 2 Feb. 1743/44

141. ii. Anna <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 23 May 1745, m. (--) Woodward and had heirs

141.1 iii. Josiah <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 8 March 1748; d. 19 Oct. 1768, buried in the Old Cemetery in Columbia CT

**35. Silas <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Daniel <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born ca. 1723, and baptized 27 October 1723, and died probably in Columbia County, New York after 1800 when he appears on the census. Silas married first at Westchester 17 November 1754 **Deborah** (--). She died at Easthampton Ct. 21 January 1780. He married second 18 January 1781 Mrs. **Sarah (Clark) Johnson**, daughter of John and Sarah (White) Clark, and widow of James Johnson. She was born 24 February 1747, died at Claverack, Columbia Co. NY in 1799.

Silas resided at Edgartown and probably moved to Easthampton, CT.

Children of Silas <sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Clark) (Johnson) Dunham:

142. i. Gershom <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 25 Nov. 1781

ii. Silas <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 12 Jan. 1786, d.y.

143. iii. Silas <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 8 Mar. 1787

**36. Jacob <sup>4</sup> Dunham** (Daniel <sup>3</sup> Jonathan <sup>2</sup> John <sup>1</sup>) was born ca. 1727, baptized 9 April 1727, and died at Mayfield, NY [murdered by Indians] 11 April 1779. Jacob married in Sharon CT. 29 October 1754 **Elizabeth Pettee/Pettit**, daughter of Jonathan Pettit.

Jacob Dunham had moved to Lebanon by 1748 as Dukes Co. LR 7:487, dated 23 January 1748, is for the sale of his house in Edgartown.

*"I Jacob Dunham of Lebanon in ye County of Windham in ye colony of Connecticut, Joyner, in consideration of sum of 12 pounds paid by Daniel Donham of Chillmard. . . have given, granted, released and quit claimed all my rights, title to a certain dwelling house lately belonging to my late honored father, Daniel Dunham of Edgartown, deceased, wherein my late honored father dwelled together with the homestead, as also all the other lands in ye old purchase both divided and undivided on this side and on Chappaquidick, part of which said dwelling house and lands were given to me said Jacob Donham by my late honored father in his last will and testament. . .*

*Signed: Jacob Dunham*

Children of Jacob <sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth (Pettit) Dunham:

- 144. i. Rebecca <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 12 Jan. 1755
- ii. John <sup>5</sup> Dunham bp. 1759, killed in Rev. War, "fell with Capt. Woodworth, in Fair field,"
- iii. Samuel <sup>5</sup> Dunham, killed in Indian Massacre 1780
- iv. Silas <sup>5</sup> Dunham
- 145. v. Zebulon <sup>5</sup> Dunham
- 146. vi. Ebenezer <sup>5</sup> Dunham b. 1759 at Sharon Ct

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